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RECEIPTS

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EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

ALSO THE

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

EXETER, N. H.:
GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1878.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following:

Rec'd from the town Treasurer of 1876,			$154 14
" C. C. S. Stevens collector for 1873,			6 19
" C. C. Smith "	1874 & 75,		12 28
" Otis Bartlett "	1876 & 77,		3,295 43
Money borrowed of different individuals,			1000 00
Rec'd from the State railroad tax,			42 35
" Savings Bank tax,			257 77
" Literary fund,			74 82
Total,			$4,842 98

The Selectmen credit themselves with the following:

Paid the State tax,			748 00
County tax,			814 12
School Dis. No. 1, E. G. Flanders committee,			239 71
" No. 2, J. B. Collins "	in part,		125 00
" No. 3, S. S. Dudley "			202 82
" No. 4, I. B. Brown "			106 01
" No. 5, F. D. Pollard "			16 91
" No. 1, school house tax in part,			360 29
Town of Fremont Wm. Copp's school tax,			1 26
Jacob Carlisle for use of derrick at Crawley's Falls bridge in 1876,			28 75
J. W. Robinson for copying town accounts for 1876,			5 00
" wood for Mrs. I. G. Morse, "			11 00
" cash paid Margaret French,			5 00
" going to Fremont on town business,			2 00

Paid Edward Giddins timber for Pickpocket bridge, 1876,	5	00
A. G. Dudley, for sheep killed by dogs,	4	00
Frank H. Rowell " "	12	00
Josiah Robinson, " "	4	00
Wm. H. Veasey, " "	4	00
John Kimball " "	4	00
Jonathan Robinson " "	4	00
Jeremiah Dudley " "	28	00
John P. Hoyt for labor on the highway, 1876,	2	85
Wingate & Dunton for printing town accounts 1876,	17	00
William C. Jackson for services as Superintending School Committee 1876,	18	00
for note book,		60
Elliot & Dudley for groceries delivered to Mrs. I. G. Morse in 1876,	49	00
George W. Carter 433 feet bridge plank 1876,	5	19
W. M. Durgin Register of probate for copy of records,	2	00
James C. Robinson's note and interest,	310	80
W. N. Dow, notes and interest,	709	50
Daniel O. Waldron for groceries &c., furnished Mrs. I. G. Morse,	104	52
E. G. Flanders groceries furnished Mrs. Morse,	5	71
J. R. Smith for provisions furnished Mrs. Morse & family,	10	28
Arthur W. Dudley for wood and potatoes furnished Mrs. Morse,	24	80
Warren D. Robinson wood furnished Mrs. Morse,	1	00
John W. Dudley, " "	1	00
Dr. M. W. Caverly for Medical attendance on Mrs. Morse and daughter, and for medicine,	13	25
N. K. Thurston house rent for Mrs. Morse,	21	35
" for damage done to house,	1	50
George D. Bartlett for moving Mrs. Morse,	5	00
" " hauling wood for Mrs. Morse,	4	50
" " feeding and lodging tramps,	1	25

Paid E. D. Lyford for helping move Mrs. Morse,	1 00
Rockingham Co. Farm for putting up four tramps,	3 00
David Jewell one year's interest on notes,	18 39
Hannah D. Sanborn " "	11 40
David C. Bean,	12 04
J. E. G. Lyford for use of watering trough,	3 00
W. M. Veasey 120 feet bridge plank,	1 44
Geo. E. Lane inventory and surveyors books, blanks, and stationery,	5 94
B. F. Robinson for attending 14 funerals with hearse,	21 00
" taking care of town hall,	4 00
Joseph F. Wiggin for advice to the Selectmen and collectors about sundry matters and for services in school house case,	30 00
costs in school house case,	12 66
Henry A. Orne for breaking roads winter of 1876 & 77,	7 50
Charles L. Fifield for breaking roads winter "	60
John Kimball " "	2 62
George M. Langley " "	2 20
Frank H. Rowell " "	31 15
Dudley R. Parshley " "	12 04
John Brown " "	5 25
James Colcord " "	50
George W. Morse " "	6 65
Wm. H. Veasey " "	3 05
Samuel Thyng " "	11 53
Jonathan Robinson " "	2 83
Otis Bartlett " "	4 50
C. W. Carter " "	2 80
Geo. S. Gear " "	4 00
B. Goodrich " "	2 10
E. D. Lyford " "	90
Jacob W. Smith " "	6 00

Paid D. Frank Fellows for breaking roads, stone, gravel &c.	10 12
George S. Gear for hauling stone, gravel &c. to Wood's bridge,	2 25
Otis Bartlett burying dead horse,	50
Bounties on 3 foxes and eight hawks,	2 10
Moses W. Caverly for making returns of births and deaths,	5 50
Henry A. Orne for powder and repairing drills,	35
C. W. Langley for 47 loads of gravel,	4 70
Rev. E. L. Scott for services as Superintending School Committee,	10 00
Rev. Wm. C. Jackson for services as Supt. School Committee,	7 00
John W. Smith for services as town clerk,	16 00
" " recording births and deaths,	10 75
" " distributing copies of the amended constitution,	4 50
Arthur W. Dudley for services as Selectman,	25 00
" " Treasurer,	12 00
" " making school house tax,	1 00
" " time and expences to Concord to pay State tax,	5 00
George D. Bartlett for services as Selectman,	25 00
" making school house tax,	1 00
" time and expenses to Newmarket two times,	4 00
George D. Bartlett for time and expenses to Exeter twice,	2 00
John W. Dudley for services as Selectman,	25 00
" looking up non residence of paupers,	5 00
John W. Dudley for cash paid for book,	2 50

ABATEMENTS.

1874	Charles Sanborn,	$3 20
1875	"	90
1876	Ai Carr poll tax,	1 07
	Mrs. Aaron Bartlett,	4 77
	Levi Bean,	3 06
	George B. Dudley dog died	2 00
	Nathaniel Haynes poll tax,	1 07
	Austin F. Colby "	1 07
	Geo. A. Mitchell,	2 57
	Isaac G. McOmber poll tax,	1 07
	Thomas Murphy "	1 07
	Charles Sanborn,	5 59
1877	Stephen Fellows mill burned,	21 16
	O. S. Currier stock "	2 84
	Charles Miles over tax,	5 52
	John Trask's heirs horse died,	46
	Joseph Rock, Jr. poll tax,	92
	Samuel Pratt "	92
	Nathaniel Haynes "	92
	Samuel Fuller,	92
	Melvin L. Towle over tax,	9 20
	Josiah Robinson dog died,	1 00
	Samuel Fieldsend "	1 00
	Total,	$4,521 63

ARTHUR W. DUDLEY,
GEORGE D. BARTLETT,
JOHN W. DUDLEY,
} Selectmen of Brentwood.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts, and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched, and in the hands of the Treasurer, three hundred and twenty-one dollars, and thirty-five cents.

Also due from C. C. Smith collector for 1874 & 75, thirteen dollars and forty-two cents, and from Otis Bartlett, collector for 1876 & 77, four hundred dollars and sixty-eight cents.

JONATHAN W. ROBINSON,
D. FRANK FELLOWS,
WILLIAM MORRILL,
} Auditors.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN,

March 1, 1878.

Notes and interest due different individuals,	$2,167 00
School house money due Dist. No. 1,	50 28
Balance of school money due Dist. No. 2, paid since the account was audited,	37 54
Total,	$2,254 82

AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Said to be due from U. S. Government, but considered, at least a doubtful source,	1,648 00
Due from C. C. Smith, Col., 1874 & 75,	13 42
" Otis Bartlett, " 1876 & 77,	400 68
In the hands of the Treasurer,	321 35
Total,	$2,383 45
Leaving a balance in favor of the town, March 1, 1878 of	$128 63

ARTHUR W. DUDLEY,
GEORGE D. BARTLETT,
JOHN W. DUDLEY,
} Selectmen of Brentwood.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

In preparing the annual report relating to the schools of the town, a difficulty arises, inasmuch as two persons have held the office of Superintending Committee, without having an opportunity to consult each other. At the opening of the school-year Rev. E. L. Scott, experienced in teaching and superintending school work, was appointed to the position. Unrespectedly he resigned, removing from town in October, and Rev. W. C. Jackson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Your Committee, for the first part of the year, presents the following report:

The schools, some of which were in session when the appointment was received, were found to be in as good condition as country schools in general. Some showed a high order of scholarship. Of others, no adequate report can be made, owing to the closing of school to prevent the ravages of diptheria.

All the schools showed commendable progress under the instruction and government of the teachers employed. Some facts and general statements seem necessary, to which attention is asked. Not one of the teachers employed during the first term was examined, and given the certificate required by law, previous to entering upon the duties of teacher.

This put your Committee in the unwelcome position of being obliged to grant certificates to all who applied for them, or else close a school already begun. No notice was sent to the Committee, as the law requires, informing him of the time of commencing or closing of a school, except through the personal courtesy of teachers on the opening of the second term. Miss E. B. Rowe, (teacher in District No. 4, second term), is the only one who fully complied with that section of the law, which relates to teachers. School-registers are, by law, to be made out and returned to the school committee of the town "at the close of school, and" "at the end of each term thereof." Only one was so returned.

The teachers were examined by "written examination," the same questions being given each teacher who taught the same subjects. The results, ranging from 65 to 84.42 per cent., were surprising to your committee, who had decided not to grant a certificate to any one who attained less than 65 per cent. From the above facts, we derive the following general statements:

I. No teacher should begin a school before fulfilling the law in regard to examination and receiving a certificate.

II. Registers should be promptly made out, and returned to the school committee at the close of each term of school. This will facilitate and simplify the work of arranging proper tables for reference, and making the annual report.

III. Prudential committees should notify the Superintending Committee of the time of opening and closing of a term of school, giving at least one week's notice.

By observing these things we can secure better teachers; more complete reports; more prompt and thorough supervision of our schools; and, hence, better and more efficient schools.

We will now give a brief report concerning each school in order—

DISTRICT NO. 1.

This school was so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. Samuel Taylor, who, in the winter term of last year, was so

successful in his work, and in whom the district was united. The school began under very favorable circumstances, with prospect of eminent success. Soon after the school opened, diptheria visited the district. The school was closed for the season. When it opened again, there were several vacant seats, some of those of greatest promise having been taken from the school, and there was a perceptible sadness upon all hearts. The second term had just begun when there was a change of Superintending Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

An unfavorable name was acquired by this school at the close of the winter term. All were anxious to secure a teacher of experience and ability. Many were recommended but Miss Louise M. Pollard was the one engaged. Though there were some doubts of her success, as she had never taught, save in the County Farm School, still, at the close of the school, the verdict was unanimous in her favor. For correctness of deportment, in school and out; for studious habits; for good results,—the school ranked high. Teacher and pupils deserve the praise given. Miss Pollard was succeeded by the veteran teacher Miss E. B. Rowe, of whose success we cannot give record.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This school secured, as its teacher, Miss Ariana S. Dudley. The school was somewhat broken up by the appearance of diptheria in the district. In this school there is ability in teacher and scholar. Here we observed,—what we have found true almost always, when the teacher has been a pupil in the school taught,—a tendency to laxity in discipline and in recitation. The general appearance of the school, and the results displayed, were of a higher order than the report of last year would indicate. The second term opened more favorably with the same teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Mary D. Webster, of Chester, a graduate of Salem Normal school, (Mass.,) and a teacher of reference, has had charge of this school since the year began. A pleasant school-room. An able teacher. A tractable and harmonious school. The order, discipline, and work of this school were highly creditable to the pupils and their teacher, and satisfactory to the Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This school is made up, entirely, of the pauper children resident at the County Farm. Not much was expected of it, for its material is not the best.

Mr. Stephen T. Pollard had charge of the school, and did good work. A visit to the school would serve to show that there was much good even in these children, so often, yet so unjustly despised.

In closing my report, I commend it to your careful consideration. Its words are written after a careful study of the schools, and are prompted by the desire to increase their usefulness and the efficiency of the instruction given, and so secure the greatest possible benefits of the School System provided by the laws of our State.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST L. SCOTT,

Superintending School Committee.

South Hampton, N.H., 1877.

REPORT OF SUPT. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As I was appointed in November last, as Superintending School Committee for the part of the school year remaining after the Committee, Rev Mr. Scott, who was appointed at the beginning of the year, had removed from town, I would hereby report on the condition and management of the schools, only for this portion of the year.

I was unable to attend the examination at the close of the Fall term of the school in District No. 1, but I visited it at the beginning and close of the short winter term. Its teacher, Mr. Samuel Taylor, is the same that had the charge of the school a year ago, and I was pleased to find the same faithfulness and efficiency that formerly characterized his labors as a teacher. The members of the school had, it seemed to me, improved in their habits of study, and their understanding of what they had been required to learn. And yet the teacher found himself unable. the number of scholars over of the diffe.ent classes was so great, to devote more than some eighteen minutes to a recitation, on an average; a time altogether too short to do justice to any one class or branch of study.

I visited the school in District No. 2 only at the close of its last term; but was satisfied that Miss Rowe, who has had large experience in teaching, had been diligent and successful in her work, and that the school had made good progress.

I would say much the same of the school in District No. 3, which I visited at the close of its last term. Miss Dudley appeared to have been the same earnest and efficient teacher, as in this and other schools of which she formerly had charge, and the scholars, in their deportment and recitations, generally appeared well.

The school in District No. 4 also appeared well, when I visited it at the close of its Fall term. Miss Webster, its teacher, had evidently managed well the school, and the scholars showed a good understanding of their studies.

It often needs to be urged upon the minds of all concerned, that the proper design of our schools is not simply the acquisition of knowledge. A design equally important is the discipline of the minds. It is not enough to have the memory crammed with rules, and facts, and dates. Half the rules so laboriously learned, may never be applied, or the facts brought into use, in practical life. The reasoning powers, the judgment, the taste, used to be cultivated, as well as the memory. Let the scholar learn how to search out the reasons and the principles of things how to compare one thing with another and distinguish the precious from the vile, how to form his own rules out of the facts that may come to his knowledge. Let him learn in school how to go on learning, and that without a teacher; or, I may say, with experience and careful observation for his teachers. Let no first class graduate from school, entertaining the idea that they have *finished* their education, but rather understanding that they have only taken a few steps in the path of knowledge, and of mental and moral culture, a path which may lead to a high eminence in character, in virtue and usefulness, and which they ought to be diligently pursuing as long as life shall last.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. JACKSON,

Superintending School Committee.

Brentwood, Feb. 22, 1878.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts and Terms.	Teachers.	Length of Term in weeks,	Wages of Teachers per mo	Whole No. Scholars.	Average No. Scholars.	Children between 4 and 14 years, not attending school.
No. 1.						
Summer and Fall.	Samuel Taylor.	14 3-5	40	55	42	2
Winter.	" "	8	40	52	38	6
No. 2.						
Summer.	Louise L. Pollard.	12	26 67	34	28	
Fall.	Ellis B. Rowe,	14	30	36	26	
No. 3.						
Summer.	Ariana S. Dudley.	7 3-5	32	35	27	1
Fall.	" "	12	32	34	24	
Winter.	" "	5	32	25	21	
No. 4.						
Summer.	Mary D. Webster.	8	28	21	19	
Fall.	" "	13	28	23	19	

No one in town, (County house excepted,) so far as is known between the ages of 14 and 21 years, unable to read and write.

STUDIES.

District.	Attending Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Composition.	U. S. History.
Number 1.								
Summer.	55	49	38	43	35	24		
Winter.	52	46	37	33	32	29		
Number 2.								
Summer.	33	25	18	20	12	10	11	3
Fall.	36	30	14	31	22	17		10
Number 3.								
Summer.	35	32	17	27	17	11	11	1
Fall.	34	34	16	26	18	7	7	3
Number 4.								
Summer.	21	21	14	16	12	8	2	1
Fall.	23	23	15	17	12	10	5	